

**Georgia State Board of Professional Geologists Meeting  
November 30, 2022  
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held on **Wednesday, November 30, 2022** via Zoom meeting.

**Board Members:**

Mr. Edward Rooks, PG  
Dr. Pamela Gore, PG  
Mr. Kurt Hausner, PG  
Ms. Allison Keefer, PG, Chairperson

**Board Members Absent:**

Dr. Jim Kennedy, III, PG, ex-Officio  
Mr. James “Bubber” Epps, Consumer Member

**Staff Members:**

Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director  
Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst

**Attorney General:**

Ms. Alison Spencer, Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer established a quorum was present at 9:35 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**Open Session:**

The Board voted to approve the 2023 Geology Board meeting dates:

February 15, 2023  
May 1, 2023  
August 16, 2023  
November 15, 2023

Edward Rooks made a motion to accept the meeting dates. Dr. Pamela Gore seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Approval of Open Session Minutes:**

Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer presented a draft of the Open Session minutes from June 1, 2022. Kurt Hausner made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Pamela Gore seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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**Executive Session:**

Edward Rooks made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), and 50-14-3, to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive investigative reports. Kurt Hausner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was closed at 9:56 a.m. and Chairperson Allison Keefer declared the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 *et seq.* No votes were taken in Executive Session.

**Open Session**

**Approval of Executive Session Minutes:**

Chairperson Ms. Allison Keefer presented a draft of the Open Session minutes from June 1, 2022. Edward Rooks made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Pamela Gore seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Licenses Issued June 1, 2022 through November 29, 2022:**

Mr. Bubber Epps made a motion for the Board to accept the list of licenses issued from December 2, 2020 – March 8, 2021. Ms. Martha Carr seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

	<b>license No</b>	<b>Licensee</b>
1	PG002398	John Hawkins Gagnon
2	PG002399	Matthew J Valentine
3	PG002400	Scott Mercer Blanchard
4	PG002401	Samantha M Olney
5	PG002402	William Dean Stephens
6	PG002403	Jerome A Partap
7	PG002404	Joseph Maxwell Cange
8	PG002405	Franklin Haywood Johnson
9	PG002406	Morgan Ivey Mullins
10	PG002407	Blake Anthony Greeson
11	PG002408	Brendan Michael Donnelly
12	PG002409	Erik Jorgen Bergstrom
13	PG002410	Kathleen Merritt Brannen-Donnelly

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**Applications:**

No Applications were presented to discuss at this time.

**Complaints:**

No Complaints were brought before the Board to discuss at this time

**Attorney General Report:**

No cases were presented at this time.

**Executive Director Report:**

Executive Director Mr. Darren Mickler updated the Board on the new systems that will be used by the Board and staff. Included in the transition is to consider decoupling the exams from the application process. He wanted to hear any thoughts or concerns with allowing the applicants to take the ASBOG examination before submitting an application for licensure. It would be beneficial to the board to see if this can be a possibility. Mr. Mickler will do a little more research and bring this before the board for further discussion.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, at 10:18 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is scheduled for February 15, 2023 via Zoom.

Minutes recorded by: Ms. Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director

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Ms. Allison Keefer, Chairperson

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Mr. Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Minutes Approved On: February 15, 2023